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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Deputy Director for Plans  
Deputy Director for Support  
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Public Understanding of the Role of Intelligence

1. During the question-and-answer period following the Director's 15 June State of the Agency address, he was asked whether "there's more that all of us as individuals and collectively can do to help Americans in public and private life better understand the true and the overall functions of intelligence?" In the course of his response to this question, he said:

"I think there is more that can be done to put intelligence in a better perspective in the mind of our compatriots, and we're going to be looking at this and checking on ways to do this with increasing frequency. In point of fact, the speech to which you refer (American Society of Newspaper Editors) was an effort to kick this thing off and see if we can get a hearing in this modern context and it was clear that we did. I think by and large the speech was relatively well accepted. So we're going to try and get a quiet program together and over a period of weeks and months see if we can't do a better job of trying to convince Americans that they need intelligence, which obviously they do."

2. In the weeks ahead I plan to discuss with the Director what he has in mind. At that time I want to present an inventory of current activity which meets the criteria of informing public and private sectors about the value of intelligence and the CIA function. At the same time I would like to be in a position to offer suggestions on what more should be done. We have discussed this topic several times in connection with the Management Advisory Group's 18 November 1970 memorandum on "The Agency's Image," but we may have reached the point where additional forward movement toward a structured approach to a better public understanding of intelligence will require some fresh thinking reduced to writing.

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3. Please prepare a brief paper by 2 August on what you are doing and what more can be done. I am asking the information addressees of this memorandum to forward any thoughts they may have on this topic. 25X1



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Executive Director-Comptroller

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Pattern Recognition

1. The interests and activities in the Agency relating to pattern recognition were briefly discussed.

2. To provide a current overview, single page descriptions of current pattern recognition programs are requested by 2 July 1971. Effort directed toward data restoration or correction should not be included. However, any preprocessing or filtering, which is included in an overall pattern recognition system, should be described.

3. The descriptions should include the project name, the purpose of the project, and the technical approach.

4. Copies of the descriptions will be circulated to all participants.

5. Participants were:

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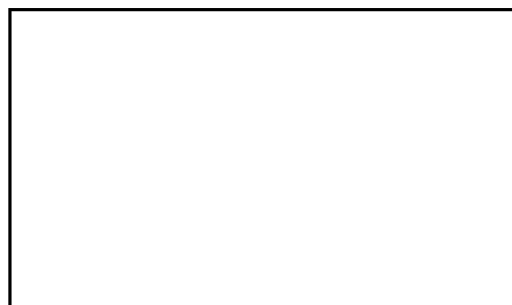


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